

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Minoru Umemoto et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3725
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Application No.: 10/540,534)	Examiner: Teresa Bonk
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Filed: June 24, 2005)	
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For: Method of Refining Metal Surface)	Confirmation No.: 3553
and Metal Product by Method)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.